

TORRANCE PERSONS AND PASTIMES

Comings, Goings and Doings of Folks Hereabouts

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewellen and son spent the weekend at Compton as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. Weir Atwood of Border avenue were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hammond of Gardena.

Mrs. Laura Mae Few spent Sunday evening with friends in Long Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Powell had dinner and attended a theatre in Los Angeles Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Powell of Sonoma street enjoyed a swim and dinner at Redondo Saturday evening.

Mrs. George P. Shidler, Mrs. G. W. Sapp, Mrs. J. H. Steppy, Mrs. Carl Gramling, and Mrs. J. H. Milburn were delegates to the Tenth District P.T.A. convention.

Miss Flossie Africa had dinner in Los Angeles Friday evening, later attending the Metropolitan Theatre.

Dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Hurum Reeve were Mr. and Mrs. Howe and family.

Miss Helen Reeve returned Thursday from a motor trip to San Francisco with her father, Hurum Reeve.

Mrs. Hurum Reeve left Torrance Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hall of Wilmington on a trip to the northern part of the state, and expects to be gone for about three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hickman of Weston street were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bowen of Long Beach, and in the evening attended the State Theatre.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter Murphy of Arizona street were weekend guests of Mrs. Alice Murphy of Long Beach.

Mrs. Frank Jordan and daughter Frances, of West Palm street, visited friends in Covina and San Dimas Saturday.

Mrs. R. C. Andre has returned from a short stay at her home in Taft, and is again a house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kettler of Camino Real.

Guests Wednesday of Mrs. S. A. Wheaton of Redondo boulevard were Mrs. H. B. Wilson, Mrs. C. T. Hughes, Mrs. Ross Robertson, Mrs. James Prust, and Mrs. Carl Johnson, of Los Angeles.



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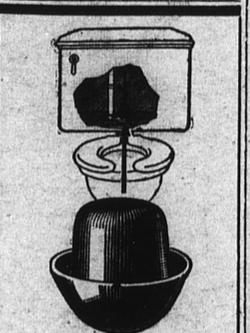
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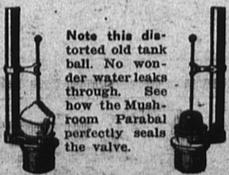
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Easy Lessons in AUCTION BRIDGE

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ARTICLE No. 34

There has been more or less discussion as to the type of hand that justifies a bid of a four-card suit. About the weakest four-card suit that should be bid without any outside strength is four to the ace king, queen, or any four honors. Some writers advocate a bid with only four to the ace king, but with such a holding the hand should also contain at least a king in an outside suit. For example, as dealer, bid one club with each of the following:

- Hearts—7, 6, 2
Clubs—A, K, Q, 7
Diamonds—8, 4, 3, 2
Spades—9, 2
Hearts—K, 7, 2
Clubs—A, K, 4, 2
Diamonds—8, 3, 2
Spades—J, 10, 2
Hearts—8, 3, 2
Clubs—K, Q, J, 10
Diamonds—8, 3, 2
Spades—9, 4, 3

but pass with the following:

- Hearts—7, 6, 2
Clubs—K, 7, 2
Diamonds—8, 4, 3, 2
Spades—Q, 2

In other words, don't bid four-card suits without at least half a trick (a guarded king) on the side. The four-card suit bids are also interesting as second round or take-out bids. For example, the dealer bid one spade on the following hand:

- Hearts—K, Q, 9, 2
Clubs—7, 6
Diamonds—10, 8, 4
Spades—A, Q, 10, 2

Second hand passed, and the dealer's partner bid one no-trump on the following hand:

- Hearts—A, 8, 7, 6
Clubs—J, 4
Diamonds—A, K, 9, 3, 2
Spades—9, 8

His opponents passed and opened clubs, running off five club tricks before he got the lead. If the dealer had bid two hearts, his other four-card suit, he would have made game. Such hands are semi-two-suiters and frequently work out better at the suit bid than at no-trump.

Another point to consider in the bidding of four-card suits occurs when holding the 4-4-4-1 or 5-4-4 type of distribution. For example, suppose as dealer you hold the following hand:

- Hearts—A, K, J, 4
Clubs—4
Diamonds—A, Q, 10, 6
Spades—K, 9, 4, 3

and bid one diamond. Second hand passes and your partner bids one no-trump. You should then bid two hearts, for the 4-4-4-1 type of hand plays far better at a suit bid and you should try to find the best bid for the combined hands.

Here's another example. Suppose your partner bids one no-trump, second hand passes, and you hold the following hand:

- Hearts—9, 8, 4, 2
Clubs—A, Q, J, 7
Diamonds—A, 9, 4, 2
Spades—10

With this hand you should bid two clubs. This type of hand is hopeless as a no-trump proposition, so try a suit bid, and in doing so try to find the suit bid that is the best for the combined hands. Here's still another example. Suppose as dealer you hold the following hand:

- Hearts—A, 10, 9, 7, 2
Clubs—non
Diamonds—A, K, Q, 4
Spades—A, Q, J, 7

With this hand, first bid one spade, and if overbid, show the heart bid. Then, if you have another chance, bid diamonds. With a hand as strong as this one it is almost a certainty that you can game in the suit that best matches up with your partner's, so you should try to find that suit.

The following hands were given as problems in the preceding article. There is no score, you are the dealer and have bid one no-trump. Second hand has passed, your partner has bid two spades, and fourth hand has passed. What would you now bid?

Hand No. 1

- Hearts—Q, 7, 2
Clubs—A, K, 7, 3
Diamonds—K, 10, 6, 2
Spades—10, 9, 4, 2

Hand No. 2

- Hearts—Q, 10, 6, 3
Clubs—A, J, 5, 2
Diamonds—K, Q, 7
Spades—Q, 4

Hand No. 3

- Hearts—J, 10, 4, 2
Clubs—K, 7
Diamonds—A, K, Q, 6
Spades—7, 6

With Hand No. 1 you should pass. You have fine help for the spade bid and it offers a better chance for game than the no-trump. With Hand No. 2 the writer would bid two no-trump. It is a close hand, but the no-trump offers a slightly better chance for game than the spades. With Hand No. 3 the two no-trump bid is obligatory. With only two small spades a game in that suit is unlikely, and yet the hand is strong enough to try for game in no-trump.

Answer to Problem No. 17

- Hearts—K, 7
Clubs—6, 5, 4
Diamonds—9, 8, 6, 2
Spades—A, K, Q, 4

- Hearts—10, 6, 5
Clubs—9, 2
Diamonds—Q, 10, 7
Spades—10, 9, 8, 5, 2
Y
A
Z

- Hearts—J, 8, 3
Clubs—A, K, Q, 10, 8, 5
Diamonds—5, 3
Spades—J, 6
Hearts—A, Q, 9, 4, 2
Clubs—J, 7
Diamonds—A, K, 4
Spades—7, 3

There is no score; rubber game. Z dealt, bid one heart, A and Y passed, and B bid two clubs. Z bid two hearts, and all passed. A opened the nine of clubs, and B won the first two tricks with the king and queen. He then led the ace of clubs, which Z trumped with the nine of hearts and A over-trumped with the ten. A now led the six of hearts. How can Z so play the hand that he will make the balance of the tricks against any defense? Z should win this trick with the king of hearts in dummy and then lead out his three remaining heart tricks. On these tricks A is forced to make two discards. If he discards two spades dummy's spades are good. If he discards one or more diamonds, Z's diamonds are good. No matter what he does, YZ must score game. It is a fine example matter what he does, YZ must score game. It is a fine example of the "squeeze"; that is, the forcing of one hand to discard winning cards.

Mrs. Isabel Whyte of San Pedro spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Mary Ann Phillips, of Miller street.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Harschbarger of Beverly were entertained Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Roberts of Miller street.

W. S. Pangborn of Oak street and L. J. Acree of Torrance were business visitors in San Diego Sunday.

Mrs. Harry Tregarten of Cypress street picnicked at Long Beach Monday with Long Beach friends.

Star Cast In Big Films For Lomita Theatre

Hoot Gibson First on List of Screen Luminares in Weeks' Program

Hoot Gibson will be seen in "The Calgary Stampede" at the Lomita Theatre Thursday. This picture was filmed at Calgary.

For Friday and Saturday the Lomita announces Zane Grey's "The Vanishing American," the great Indian film, starring Richard Dix, Lois Wilson, Noah Beery, and Malcolm McGregor. A magic lantern will be awarded to some child at the Saturday matinee.

"The Enchanted Hill," by Peter B. Kyne, will head the bill for Sunday and Monday. Jack Holt, Florence Vidor, Mary Brian, and Noah Beery are in the cast.

On Monday night the Lomita promises a treat when Manny Nathan will stage his uproariously funny "Country Store."

For Tuesday and Wednesday the Lomita has booked Joseph Von Sternberg's "The Exquisite Sinner," with Conral Nagel, Renee Adoree, and an all-star cast.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Crane and daughter and Mrs. F. A. Bowles of Narbonne avenue, spent Sunday with Mrs. E. Tomingas of White's Point.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Moore of Pepper street were Beaumont visitors Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barnes of Flower street were entertained at bridge Saturday evening by Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Perry of 257th street have returned from a week's visit in Imperial Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Blue of Rose street attended the Eastern Star dance at San Pedro Friday evening.

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